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Dear producers and other data users:

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.27 million cattle on feed on March 1, up 4 percent from last year but 1 percent below March 1, 2002. Placements of cattle into feedlots during February totaled 350,000 head, up 6 percent from 2003 but 5 percent below 2002. Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 345,000 head, down 1 percent from last year and two years ago. Other disappearance during February totaled 15,000 head compared with 10,000 head during February 2003 and 2002.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.98 million head on March 1, 2004. The inventory was up 4 percent from the 10.55 million head on March 1, 2003 but 5 percent below March 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.61 million, 2 percent below 2003 and 11 percent below 2002. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.69 million, 2 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during February, 3 percent below 2003 but 10 percent above 2002.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2003-2004

STATE	March 1 Number on Feed ¹			February Placements			February Marketings			February Other Disappearance ²		
	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> 2003	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> 2003	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> 2003	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> 2003
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	279	295	106	22	27	123	31	25	81	3	3	100
California	475	500	105	54	56	104	56	52	93	3	4	133
Colorado	990	1,020	103	160	155	97	190	165	87	10	10	100
Idaho	280	265	95	48	43	90	57	52	91	1	1	100
Iowa	380	405	107	63	61	97	71	40	56	2	1	50
Kansas	2,240	2,390	107	410	390	95	370	405	109	20	15	75
Nebraska	2,190	2,270	104	330	350	106	350	345	99	10	15	150
New Mexico	112	112	100	11	16	145	12	20	167	1	1	100
Oklahoma	320	335	105	46	47	102	55	59	107	1	3	300
So. Dakota	215	210	98	40	43	108	39	32	82	1	1	100
Texas	2,560	2,690	105	370	350	95	395	420	106	15	10	67
Washington	180	175	97	31	24	77	30	32	107	1	2	200
Other States	325	310	95	65	48	74	77	45	58	3	3	100
United States	10,546	10,977	104	1,650	1,610	98	1,733	1,692	98	71	69	97

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, March 19, 2004.

Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Top Five States, Selected Years

Rank	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head
1	Kansas	7,541	Kansas	8,033	Kansas	8,213	Nebr.	7,694	Nebr.	7,862	Nebr.	7,661
2	Nebr.	7,300	Nebr.	7,436	Nebr.	7,617	Kansas	7,272	Kansas	7,404	Kansas	7,357
3	Texas	6,767	Texas	6,735	Texas	6,606	Texas	6,463	Texas	6,472	Texas	6,495
4	Colo.	2,417	Colo.	2,653	Colo.	2,636	Colo.	2,605	Colo.	2,596	Colo.	2,480
5	Wisc.	1,650	Wisc.	1,719	Wisc.	1,735	Wisc.	1,659	Wisc.	1,665	Wisc.	1,669

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, 2003 Summary, March 2004.

Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number by Species, Selected States and United States, 2003¹

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>
California	26	1,387.5	14	130.5	16	2,380.0		
Colorado	21	2,496.9			17	9.4		
Illinois	15	979.2	11	100.2	23	8,214.3	14	172.0
Indiana	5	2.7	3	9.2	8	7,121.4	5	24.5
Iowa	8	803.4			21	29,639.6	4	419.8
Kansas	15	7,396.5			9	272.2	6	1.4
Kentucky	18	9.8			21	2,361.1	13	11.0
Minnesota	24	780.5			24	9,061.2	17	1.8
Nebraska	31	7,714.7			21	6,956.8	16	0.7
Ohio	11	67.0	4	61.9	13	1,107.3	6	0.2
Pennsylvania	101	1,059.1	58	192.1	96	2,762.9	76	82.2
South Dakota					5	4,651.7	4	11.8
Texas	32	6,527.6	7	20.7	23	325.7	16	361.8
Virginia	11	2.9			11	3,917.9		
Wisconsin	13	1,643.1	5	142.4	7	420.9	4	1.3
United States	689	35,271.3	290	990.5	662	101,092.0	505	2,836.8

¹Includes data from week ending January 4, 2003 thru January 3, 2004.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2003 Summary, March 2004.

Annual Livestock and Poultry Summary: Number and Value by Species, Nebraska and United States, 1999-2004

Species	Year	Nebraska			United States		
		Number	Value		Number	Value	
			Per Head	Total Value		Per Head	Total Value
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
All Cattle (January 1)	2000	6,650	670.00	4,455,500	98,198	683.00	67,099,440
	2001	6,600	710.00	4,686,000	97,277	725.00	70,495,030
	2002	6,400	690.00	4,416,000	96,704	747.00	72,283,865
	2003	6,200	720.00	4,464,000	96,100	728.00	69,948,620
	2004	6,250	880.00	5,500,000	94,882	819.00	77,733,180
Hogs & Pigs (December 1)	1999	3,000	73.00	219,000	59,342	72.00	4,254,293
	2000	3,050	79.00	240,950	59,138	77.00	4,542,493
	2001	2,900	84.00	243,600	59,804	77.00	4,589,912
	2002	2,950	76.00	224,200	59,513	71.00	4,209,683
	2003	2,900	71.00	205,900	60,040	66.00	3,986,301
Sheep & Lambs (January 1)	2000	102	110.00	11,220	7,032	95.00	668,750
	2001	114	120.00	13,680	6,965	100.00	694,495
	2002	101	108.00	10,908	6,685	94.00	618,123
	2003	97	122.00	11,834	6,300	104.00	654,288
	2004	102	134.00	13,668	6,090	118.00	721,314
Chickens ¹ (December 1)	1999	13,846	1.70	23,538	436,343	2.65	1,154,898
	2000	13,895	1.80	25,011	435,056	2.44	1,060,964
	2001	13,704	1.80	24,667	441,509	2.42	1,068,851
	2002	13,747	1.80	24,745	443,881	2.37	1,052,230
	2003	14,223	1.80	25,601	448,748	2.47	1,108,304

¹Excludes commercial broilers.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, February 27, 2004, Cattle, January 30, 2004, Quarterly Hogs & Pigs, December 30, 2003, Sheep and Goats, January 30, 2004, Chicken & Eggs 2003 Summary, January 2004.

Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight per Fleece, Production, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2001-2003

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn ¹	Weight per Fleece	Production	Price per Pound	Value
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Nebraska					
2001	85	7.3	620	.20	124
2002	87	7.4	640	.30	192
2003	88	7.2	630	.35	221
United States					
2001	5,689	7.6	43,016	.36	15,311
2002	5,476	7.6	41,322	.53	21,876
2003	5,057	7.5	38,114	.72	27,408

¹ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 30, 2004.

Agricultural Chemical Usage Postharvest Applications

Corn: Percent Treated and Total Applied, Selected States and Total, 2002 Marketing Year¹

State	Volume Handled	Percent Treated and Total Applied	
		Insecticide	
	<i>Mil. bu.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 lbs.</i>
Illinois	1,907.8	2.35	8.4
Indiana	584.7	0.63	0.8
Iowa	1,909.5	1.24	4.8
Kansas	186.4	6.76	2.5
Minnesota ²	902.1		
Nebraska	654.9	2.42	6.1
Ohio ²	308.0		
Texas	281.4	6.92	2.7
Total	6,734.8	1.82	35.6

¹ Insufficient reports to publish data for one or more of the pesticide classes. ² Data not published due to confidentiality restrictions.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Chemical Usage Postharvest Applications - Corn and Soybeans, March 15, 2004.

Soybeans: Percent Treated and Total Applied, Selected States and Total, 2002 Marketing Year¹

State	Volume Handled	Percent Treated and Total Applied	
		Insecticide	
	<i>Mil. bu.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 lbs.</i>
Arkansas	81.6		
Illinois	570.6		
Indiana	323.6		
Iowa	772.7		
Kansas	78.4		
Minnesota	482.6		
Missouri	230.7		
Nebraska	145.5		
Ohio	253.7		
Total	2,939.4	0.02	0.1

¹ Insufficient reports to publish data for one or more of the pesticide classes.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Chemical Usage Postharvest Applications - Corn and Soybeans, March 15, 2004.

Potato Stocks

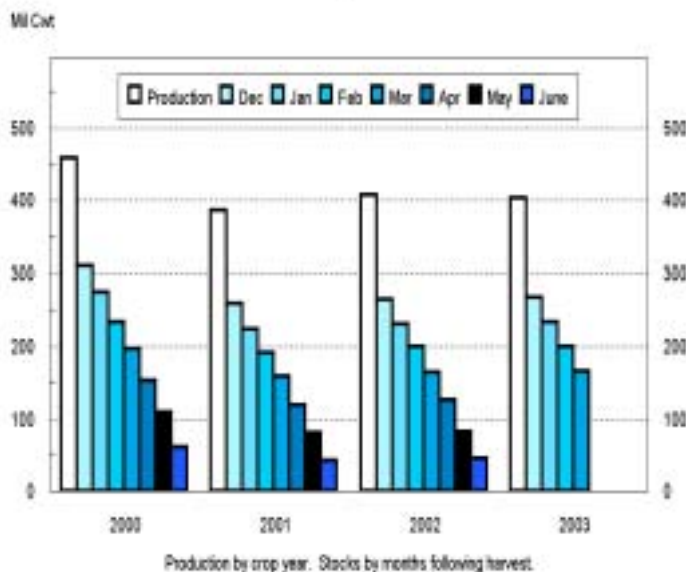
Fall Potatoes: Production 2003 and Stocks on March 1, 2004

State	Production	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2004
	<i>Thousand Cwt.</i>	
California	3,444	1,800
Colorado	23,652	10,300
Idaho	123,180	58,000
Maine	17,030	8,900
Michigan	15,015	4,700
Minnesota	22,330	9,600
Montana	3,339	2,900
Nebraska ¹	9,860	
New York	6,510	1,500
North Dakota	27,440	13,000
Ohio ¹	1,290	
Oregon	20,991	11,000
Pennsylvania	3,915	700
Washington	93,150	29,500
Wisconsin	32,800	11,000
Other States		3,790
Total 15 States	403,946	166,690

¹ Combined into "Other States".

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, March 15, 2004.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks
15 Storage States**



U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
Million Bushels										
\$/bu.										
Corn										
2001/02	9,507	1,899	10	11,416	5,868	2,046	1,905	9,820	1,596	1.97
2002/03	9,008	1,596	14	10,619	5,599	2,340	1,592	9,532	1,087	2.32
2003/04 ³	10,114	1,087	10	11,211	5,800	2,510	2,000	10,310	901	2.35-2.55
Soybeans										
2001/02	2,891	248	2	3,141	1,700	169	1,064	2,933	208	4.38
2002/03	2,749	208	5	2,962	1,615	123	1,045	2,784	178	5.53
2003/04 ³	2,418	178	8	2,604	1,465	123	890	2,479	125	7.15-7.55
Wheat										
2001/02	1,957	876	108	2,941	926	275	962	2,164	777	2.78
2002/03	1,619	777	77	2,473	918	210	854	1,982	491	3.56
2003/04 ³	2,337	491	75	2,903	900	309	1,150	2,359	544	3.30-3.40
Sorghum										
2001/02	515	42	0	556	230	23	242	495	61	1.94
2002/03	370	61	0	431	178	24	186	388	43	2.32
2003/04 ³	411	43	0	454	165	25	210	400	54	2.35-2.55

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1.

² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

³ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, March 10, 2004.

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